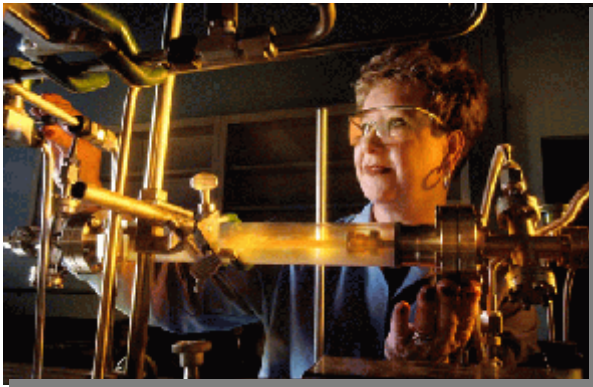


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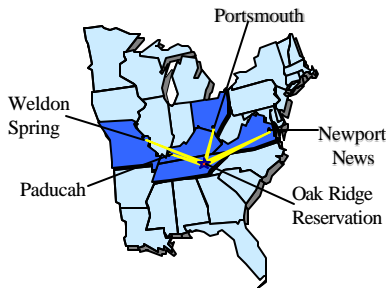
## U. S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations



**Oak Ridge Operations** is very diverse, with major programs in science, environmental management, assets utilization and uranium programs. ORO also provides support to programs at the Y-12 National Security Complex. We are based in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and are responsible for managing DOE facilities in Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri and Virginia. ORO is one of eight major Department of Energy operations offices located across the United States.



**LOCATION:** Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on a 34,236-acre site located in Anderson and Roane counties. ORO also includes the Paducah and Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plants, Weldon Spring Site and Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility.



**BACKGROUND:** ORO is rich in history, dating back to World War II when the organization played a major role in the production of materials for the Manhattan Project. Since then ORO has expanded far beyond that first mission and today is responsible for major DOE programs which are performed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) and the Federal Building Complex. Oak Ridge is also home to the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). DOE's Oak Ridge programs are the largest source of employment for the greater Knoxville-Oak Ridge metropolitan area. In addition, ORO provides support to national security activities managed by the NSA. This is part of a service agreement between the two organizations.

**MAJOR PROGRAMS:** The Science program includes basic and applied research to advance the nation's energy resources, environmental quality,

scientific knowledge, and contribute to science education. Environmental Management is the largest Oak Ridge program, with cleanup programs underway to correct the legacies remaining from more than 50 years of weapons production and energy research activities. The Assets Utilization program was begun to accelerate the pace of the cleanup work in Oak Ridge. DOE is leasing out idle but valuable building space, equipment, materials and land parcels to private companies. The Uranium programs include managing and facilitating the maintenance and disposition of DOE's excess uranium inventories.



**ACTING MANAGER, OAK RIDGE OPERATIONS:** Mike Holland became the Acting Manager of Oak Ridge Operations in April 2002. Prior to this position, he served as the Manager of the Brookhaven Area Office in New York.

**NEW OAK RIDGE INITIATIVES:** The Spallation Neutron Source, an accelerator-based neutron source, is being built. It will provide the most intense pulsed neutron beams in the world for scientific research and development. A ground-breaking was recently held for the William L. and Liane B. Russell Laboratory for Comparative and Functional Genomics. This "mouse house" will help researchers better understand gene function and disease by studying the more than 60,000 mouse housed there.

**STAFF:** 467 DOE employees and 13,000 contractor employees.

**BUDGET:** The FY 2002 budget is \$2.6 billion.

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